

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 MOSCOW 14506 201746Z

72

ACTION EUR-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00

NSC-10 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03 SS-20 ACDA-19 IO-14

CPR-02 DRC-01 /124 W

----- 041753

R 201525Z NOV 73

FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4043

INFO USIA WASHDC

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE MOSCOW 14506

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, UR, US

SUBJECT: SOVIET TREATMENT OF U.S. NEWSMEN

1. PROBLEMS OF U.S. JOURNALISTS IN USSR WERE RAISED BY EUR/SOV DIRECTOR MATLOCK, ACCOMPANIED BY CHARGE, DURING NOVEMBER 20 CALL AT MFA ON KORNIYENKO, CHIEF OF USA DIVISION. INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH KORNIYENKO ALSO TOOK PLACE AT NOVEMBER 19 LUNCHEON GIVEN BY CHARGE.

2. DURING MFA CALL, KORNIYENKO PROFESSED TO BE UNFAMILIAR WITH U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT APPLICATION TO ACCREDIT A CORRESPONDENT IN MOSCOW, BUT SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO MATTER AND INFORM EMBASSY. RESPONDING TO NUDGE ON MULTIPLE ENTRY/EXIT VISAS FOR U.S. JOURNALISTS, KORNIYENKO WAS EQUALLY NONCOMMITTAL AND COMPLAINED THAT MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS GIVEN SOVIET DIPLOMATS IN U.S. WERE VALID ONLY 12 MONTHS. MATLOCK POINTED OUT THAT TWO QUESTIONS WERE OF ENTIRELY DIFFERENT MAGNITUDE, BUT SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO FEASIBILITY OF LONGER PERIOD OF VALIDITY FOR DIPLOMATS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT SOVIET GRANTING OF MULTIPLE ENTRY/EXIT VISAS TO U.S. NEWSMEN WOULD BE MATCHED BY RECI-
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 MOSCOW 14506 201746Z

PROCAL GRANTING OF MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS TO SOVIET

NEWSMEN, POINTEDLY OBSERVING THAT U.S. LEVIED NO EXIT REQUIREMENTS ON NEWSMEN OR OTHER RESIDENT SOVIETS.

3. AT LUNCHEON, MATLOCK MENTIONED IMPORTANCE OF FULLY INFORMING PUBLIC OF BOTH COUNTRIES ABOUT SCOPE OF COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES. HE CITED EXAMPLE OF U.S. ASTRONAUTS VISIT TO STAR CITY ON VERY DAY OF LUNCHEON, NOVEMBER 19. THIS VISIT WAS BEING COVERED BY U.S. PRESS; HOWEVER, REQUESTS BY THREE U.S. BUREAUS FOR FILM CREW TO COVER STORY WAS TURNED DOWN BY NOVOSTI. KORNIYENKO MADE NO COMMENT ON SPECIFIC EXAMPLE, BUT AGREED IN PRINCIPLE THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF COOPERATION AGREEMENT SHOULD BE FULLY PUBLICIZED. IN THIS CONTEXT, CHARGE REFERRED TO DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED BY P & C COUNSELOR IN GAINING ACCESS TO MFA PRESS CHIEF SOFINSKY. MATLOCK CONTRASTED THIS WITH EASY ACCESS ENJOYED BY SOVIET EMBASSY PRESS OFFICER YEVSTAFYEV IN WASHINGTON. KORNIYENKO SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO ACCESS QUESTION.
DUBS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: JOURNALISTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 20 NOV 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: garlanwa
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973MOSCOW14506
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: MOSCOW
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19731123/aaaaaqjp.tel
Line Count: 80
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: garlanwa
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 01 OCT 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <01-Oct-2001 by willialc>; APPROVED <05-Dec-2001 by garlanwa>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SOVIET TREATMENT OF U.S. NEWSMEN
TAGS: PFOR, UR, US
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005